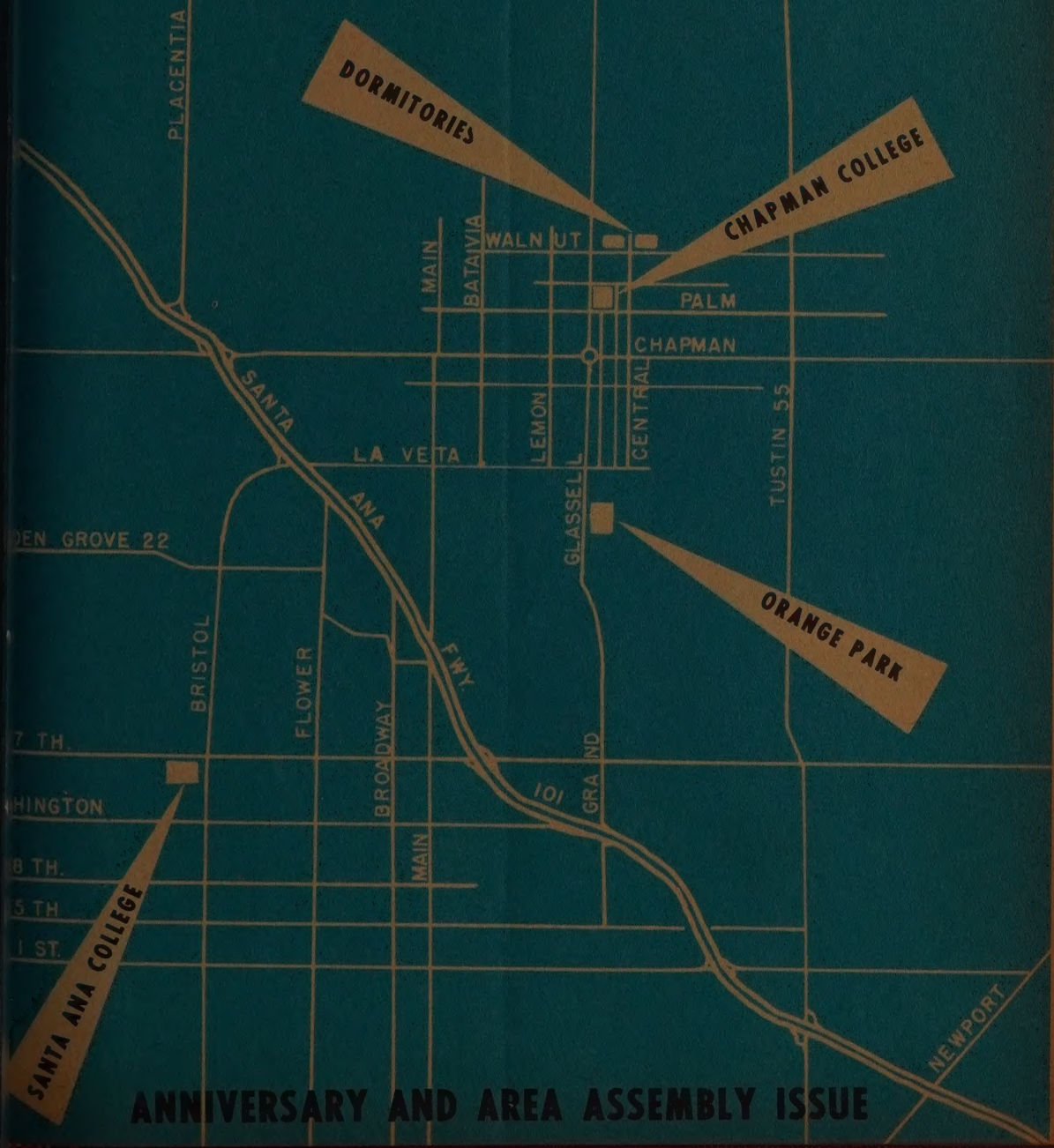


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"IN THE MIDST-GOD"

Who will win the space race? At this point we are very concerned about the progress of the United States space program. A question far more important and urgent might be asked—"WHO WILL WIN THE RACE FOR THE INNER SPACE OF MAN?" Christian Churches in Southern California are in a similar quandry to that faced by our nation in the space race—we know it can be done, we have confidence in our ability, it is a matter of applying ourselves to the problem.

Our Area Assembly at Orange, June 21-25, will deal with this very problem. We as a brotherhood have grown beyond the acquisitions and suspicions of generations ago. We have been concentrating on badly-needed forms of organization to effectively proclaim the gospel of Christ. While this task is not yet complete there are significant breakthroughs that point the way to a most promising future. The Decade of Decision has pointed the goal in definite, unmistakable and urgently needed terms. But here we stand—firmly planted on the ground in a capable, well organized, creatively manned ship and there far away is our goal; the moon. Everything about the Area Assembly this year is designed to help us find the motive power—the fuel if you please to take us from where we are to where God wants us to be. Will we stand on the ground and wish, or use the church God has provided and win a needy world to Christ? The assembly of the church on the Chapman College campus will provide an answer: "In The Midst—God."

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WHEN WE GO UP TO ORANGE. . .

by James Parrott,

Executive Secretary, Christian Churches
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Is anything going to happen when we go up—or down—to Orange for our Southern California Assembly? This meeting is an important expression of Christ's Kingdom; it should be a transforming experience. What happens depends largely on the approach each of us makes to the encounter.

An enormous amount of time has gone into the planning. The mechanics of the meeting are well developed, but they are secondary. I have watched the leaders search and search together until the elements became clear that would expose us Assembly-ites to factors in the Gospel that are deeply needed today. The facets of the mission of the church that we shall probe are intentionally examined in the awareness that God is in our midst.

Only if we are wasteful of God as he has worked through your chosen leaders, shall we fail to expect at least one great change to come in each of us at Orange.

Special Preparation

My tremendous hope is that a fire shall be kindled anew in us as a church. God is adequate. We are empowered by Him. The limitations we know are man made; God is eager to flow through us. His will, found and responded to with fresh eagerness, is our goal. Nothing less will do. Yet before we move together physically, each of us will want to make advance spiritual readiness: Our continuing prayer for God to use us collectively, and each individually, can do much before June 21 to assure His will.

As we pray, let us entreat Him

for the Assembly leaders: That His highest intention may be realized in the way they lead us in our search.

Let us pray daily, wherever we are. Some will go to Orange; others can't attend. Yet in our seeking the will of the Spirit, a new outpouring of Divine love is needed wherever we may be at Assembly time. The blessings of the meeting will not be limited to those attending. Young and aging, individual and family, let us intercede with faith and an awareness of our imposing responsibilities for *this day* in the world.

Let us pray for ourselves. Christ's church is limited only because we hobble His Body when we fail to respond to Him. We can be as God intended; our ways really can reflect His love. Let us earnestly seek forgiveness for our sins which prevent our surrendering to Him and obscure Him from many whom He came to save.

Let us pray that a new being will replace our old selves. The prayer is valid for the growing Christian person and for the church of our day.

Far-Reaching Expectation

If God is in our midst at Orange, let us expect His great force to be released in us. Let us enjoy the fine fellowship. Yet let us realize this fellowship is not for pleasure alone. Only as this fel-

lowship channels adequate redemptive love into every nook and cranny of life—and through the world—are we other than a gang of good-time Charleys.

As we go up—or down—to Orange let us expect to have some new quality of the love of Jesus infused into each of us. This may come easily for some. Others may suffer 'ere the vision is found. Regardless of the cost personally, for God's high purpose the time is wasted unless we are changed—each of us, consciously and specifically. Let us eagerly look for Him to live in us more fully than ever before.

Let us expect to appreciate the viewpoints and feelings of others. With God in our midst, can it be that He really resides only in those who agree with us and leaves empty of Spirit, Christians who see differently?

This is the day for the diversity of points of view to be fused into an effectual Body of Christ. Let the searchings we share emphasize and implement the fact that all of us are His; that we want to become like Him; and that our actions do distinguish us as His committed followers.

If God is in our midst at Orange, can anyone of us go to his home after June 25 without actually showing in his congregation and his community that he is a new person in Christ, adequate for a demanding day?*

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VIEW POINTS

Segregation-A Problem in

Southern California

After conducting a hurried survey regarding the question of segregation, using the ministers of our churches as the source of information, I think it is safe to say that the Christian Church ministers of Southern California are not a part of the general problem of segregation. Every minister who returned the questionnaire reported that his church is non-segregated. Only two replies hinted that a segregated church was desirable. Segregation was rejected by 100 per cent of the ministers from the standpoint of Christian principle.

No minister would reject persons of other races from serving on the church board. One minister suggested that the best way to promote racial equality in a non-segregated church was to promote a non-segregated ministerial staff. This thought could be enlarged to include office secretaries, church school teachers, and youth leaders.

Many of the ministers indicated that their congregations were multi-racial. Racial groups included in these non-segregated situations were Mexican, Korean, Japanese, Negro, Hawaiian, Filipino, Chinese, Caucasian, and Polynesian. Some ministers indicated that their viewpoint was non-segregated but implied that this was not to be construed as the opinion of the majority of their church membership. But no minister mentioned that he had encountered any problem in this regard.

The most often repeated suggestions for promoting a non-segregated church were: "To deliberately seek and win members of minority races as urgently and honestly as the best prospects of the majority race are sought and won"; "To arrange an exchange of

There is segregation on the basis of many things, such as class, creed, culture, and color. Because of limited space we shall consider the subject on the basis of color, where the problem is most acute.

No, segregation is not a problem, it is a scandal in Southern California, as in many other places. To be sure, it is not as acute here as in some other areas of the country. Our traditions and customs on this subject are not as entrenched. However, segregation is at work here spawning its vice and crime, hatreds, prejudices, fears and frustrations, juvenile and adult delinquency, social and

church school teachers as well as pulpit and choir exchanges with churches of another racial background"; "To promote an International Student Sunday if near a college and invite all students of other lands into the homes of the congregation"; "To make it possible for members of minority races to live next door to us in our neighborhoods as well as to sit next to us in our pews."

My own viewpoint is this: Jesus Christ was color-blind. He looked on people's hearts. It is inconceivable to me that God would make an inferior race of men. Men make themselves superior or inferior. In my simple relationships with God, he is my father; Christ is his son and my savior; and all men are my brothers. I did not make it this way. God did. If you think this is an oversimplification, just try to practice it completely.*

Joseph R. White, Minister
University Christian Church
San Diego

economic problems—eating away at the democratic foundations of our society.

From June, 1960, to March, 1961, there were reported 117 interracial gang incidents involving youth, 72 anti-semitic incidents, and 24 housing battles involving Negro and Caucasian. (It is estimated that there were at least 240 housing incidents during this period.) The inability to secure housing in the real estate market on an open occupancy basis results in areas becoming so highly concentrated with people of color that most distressing conditions exist. Negro school teachers, policemen, and firemen are pretty well confined to areas where there is a high percentage of Negro people. Congressional, assembly and school districts are gerrymandered. Until recently, most of the major cemeteries in Los Angeles County were closed to people of color. I have it on good authority that a pet cemetery in Los Angeles will permit a white man to inter his black dog, while the man of color may not inter his white poodle.

Where does the Church stand? It doesn't—it runs and sits. It seems to me that when a church deserts a field because of a change of race or class in the population of its area, that church has deserted Christ, debased the Gospel, and betrayed its witness. Have we forgotten Acts 13:1-3, that tells a story of a Negro layman being one of the three who commissioned Paul and Barnabas on the first missionary journey to the Gentiles?

The Church of our time is challenged to develop a climate of acceptance and understanding. This, all churches should do. Where there is opportunity, the Church must bear in its body the witness of its faith by integrating its fellowship. It must stand up, and stay put for its faith, and not flee with its faith. The "inasmuch" of Christ involves the Church—The Body of Christ—as it does the individual. *

Kring Allen, Minister
McCarty Memorial Christian
Church, Los Angeles

Statement by

Chairman

of

Delegates Committee

B. FRANK CRON

We are to be a pioneering Assembly when we meet at Orange, June 21-25. I challenge you to become one of the pioneers. The attendance will be the same as other years in every session during the morning, afternoon and evening. But in the afternoon on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, there will be opportunity for all of the delegates and alternates to consider the important resolutions, nominations, and reports before the Assembly. By vote of last year's Convention the plan was set up whereby churches will be represented by delegates for the business sessions. This is our first year, and already 103 churches have sent in their lists of delegates and alternates.

I am sure you will wish to be present at every business session whether you are a delegate or a registered attendant, to witness the important considerations given for matters of the Kingdom. Each delegate and each alternate will have made special preparation and study before coming to the Assembly.

The delegates are also given priority in housing in the college dormitories in order that they may be present during the entire period. Remember, all attendants at the Assembly are welcome at the business sessions, and the voting can be open to all attendants at any time in the business sessions by decision of the delegates.

Let us all plan now to be at Chapman College and share in the great new endeavor to make our democracy articulate, intelligent, and fully representative of the Christian Churches.*

If God is real—relevant—related to each of us and every congregation among us, our worship on Sunday morning will need to change, and our program within the church will change.

Our forefathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation. They faced needs, met the issues of their day and with wills tempered in the fires of crisis, they forged a new nation. Our forefathers brought forth upon this continent a new expression of God's church. They faced their day, assessed the crucial needs and using the blast furnace of those crucial needs, were shaped and molded by the spirit of the New Testament into a very effective tool with which to change the course of Protestant Christianity.

While we need the same spirit and driving will of our forefathers, our nation must not fight the Revolutionary War in 1961. Our task is rather to face the issues of this day and of the entire world. While we need the awareness, power and genius of Thomas and Alexander Campbell, the love and vision of Barton Stone, and the evangelistic fervor of Raccoon John Smith, the church today must face the needs and issues of 1961. The blast furnace of crucial needs provides white hot temperatures for every local church and every single Christian.

Presidents Message...

PRESENCE AT THE FURNACE DOOR



DWAINE CERBIN, PRESIDENT
73RD ASSEMBLY

Congo—Loas—Berlin are the signatures of danger abroad; apathy, fear and prejudice sign the long document of heavy pressures within this land we love. It causes a changing concept of missions and a new trial of sincerity for those who represent Christ. A new world-wide atheistic religion challenges the church abroad. Broken homes, broken people, sagging spirits point dramatically and with grim certainty beyond new buildings, bigger budgets and a growing percentage of church membership to an aching void within the church of Christ.

The Seventy-third Assembly of the Christian Churches of Southern California will be confronted by problems and fears, brought into sharp focus by speakers who are alert and aware of the blast of heat from abroad and the weakening pressures from within. What can we do? In confronting these dangers and realities we can simply be melted by the scope of the task ahead. We can listen and be momentarily stirred to return to the same deadening pattern we knew before. Or we can be acutely aware and see the danger in the declining church school attendance, the climbing crime rate, and the emotionally sick and ailing population of our communities and churches and see with sharp concern the emptiness of spirit and power tearing out the heart of the church of Jesus Christ. Do we believe in God? Does God have a will for our time, a program to be discovered and shaped by persons? Are we willing to be used in the full strength of our individual potentiality?

If God is in our midst we shall do something at Orange, California, June 21-25, that will be as important and far-reaching as were the actions at Philadelphia or Concord when this nation emerged from a wilderness to a reality. If God truly is in our midst and we become aware of his spirit within our Assembly, the sleeping power and genius, love and vision of our forefathers will spring to life today. A movement as important and far-reaching within the church of today as that which sprang from Washington, Pennsylvania and Cane Ridge, Kentucky, can emerge in Southern California.

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MARRIAGE AT 40

What is the matter with marriage at 40?

You hear this echoed over and over. Especially when a person reads the alarming statistics of the number of divorces at this age.

Divorce is no longer regarded by many people as a tragedy but as a mistake. If things do not seem to be harmonious, then divorce is considered as a logical conclusion. In most cases, divorce is a tragic and neurotic way out of a difficult situation.

One basic reason for a breakup at this time is the fact that they haven't built strong and stabilizing marriage ties. They find they have little to keep them together. They have been too interested in raising a family, getting started in business, and paying off loans, to build an enduring relationship with each other.

Another fact that enters the picture is that one or both of the partners are afraid they might miss something. Therefore, they tell themselves they "really want to live before it's too late." This is more the case when the couple marry young and have had few dates and infatuations before marriage.

Disillusionment is another factor which brings considerable stress in a marriage at this time. There is the dawning realization that they have not reached their expected goals in life and will probably never obtain them. These personal disillusionments and feelings of failure are projected into the marriage. Then they feel it is the marriage that is the source of their difficulty. Hence, their desire to escape.

Marriage after '40' confronts another factor, — the unfounded fears of losing sexual interests. Many people believe that after 40, one's sexual interests rapidly diminish. The fact is, that in most cases, sexual interest increases, and especially after menopause, because there is no longer the fear of pregnancy.

In many families, there accumulates irritations, hurts, and disappointments during the marriage which puts strain on the relationship. Surely one doesn't imagine he or she can live with another person for 15 or 20 years without some hostilities developing over the years? Dealing with these hostilities is important to the welfare of the marriage.

When the stress and pressure begins to pile up in the marriage what can we do to save and redeem the marriage?

1. Don't fool yourself — there is no magic gesture or phrase that is going to turn night into day. One cannot undo in a week what has been building up

Lewis R. Eloë,
Director,
Northridge Family
Counseling Center



for years. One should consider making basic adjustment in actions, attitudes and feelings. You cannot build a strong marriage on the old foundation which just collapsed. A new basis for the marriage should be developed so that it will not duplicate the same old problems.

2. Keep open through the years a fine channel of communication, so that you can share yourselves with each other on a deeply personal basis. Often, in a marriage there is too many 'words' and too little sharing of oneself.

3. Continue to be worthy of devotion and respect. Conduct your personal habits in such a way that your mate admires and respects you. Wise wives are particular about their appearance, especially when their husbands are expected home in the evening. And rarely do they ever greet him with the frustrations of their day.

4. As the children move their interests beyond the home, intentionally build more interests and activities in common with your spouse. At this time, there is the need to start new social activities together.

5. Take precautions that you do not let your personal stresses and problems out in the marriage. If one mate is having personal difficulties, they will want to try to cope with these so that a minimum of stress is carried over into the marriage. It would be well for them to seek help alone, rather than to damage a marriage.

6. Plan to make a contribution to your church, community and country during this period in your life. Up to this time, a person often draws from these resources without thinking about putting anything back. A person should try to constructively make his contributions to life in a personal and family fashion. He will find satisfactions in taking an active part in organizations which are for the improving and enrichment of life.

7. Continue to keep your life open to new ideas and thoughts. Don't allow yourself to become closed-minded or rigid, but have a willingness to grow in understanding and warmth. Make sure that from 40 on, you have a radiant, optimistic and creative attitude toward life.

You can have a grand marriage after 40! If you want it. *

For answers to your questions on family relations, you may write to Mr. Lewis Eloë, 8949 Reseda Blvd., Northridge, California. Please send a self addressed, stamped, envelope with your inquiries.

INSPIRATION POINT

As a growing Christian I am every opportunity to deepen my faith. A recent insight into the concept of atonement in the New Testament has made a rich contribution to my faith in Christ. I had long been puzzled by certain New Testament words until this insight burst on my mind like a sudden clarity.

The concept of atonement is a way of explaining what Jesus Christ has done for people. He has made them "at-one" with God by his saving act on the cross. That is both a sublime and an exciting concept. The first century Christians were the first to experience atonement with God because of the graciousness of Christ present into every area of common life to explain and communicate the message.

They went into the law courts and said atonement is like being JUSTIFIED: God looked upon as if there

had never been any guilt.

They entered the family circle and explained atonement with the metaphor of RECONCILIATION: estranged friends are wonderfully and fully reunited.

From the slave market came the term REDEMPTION: one enslaved has been gloriously emancipated and is free.

The figure of a RANSOM was used for those who knew how prisoners of war were repatriated and returned to their families through the payment of a price.

ADOPTION explained the process of legal transfer from one family to another with the attendant responsibilities and privileges.

Finally, from the temple with its sacrificial system they drew the figure of PROPITIATION: the meeting place of God and man in an acceptable sacrifice.

Throughout the Christian

centuries theologians have isolated each of these metaphors and propounded long creeds from them. Frankly, I have always been confused by those creeds. That is why my own faith has been enriched through understanding that words like justification, reconciliation, redemption, ransom, adoption and propitiation are different ways of expressing one great fact: we are new persons in Jesus Christ. The thrill of being "at-one" with God is a verifiable experience, meaningful to each person who has claimed it. He who has been separated from God by the barrier of sin has been reunited with his loving Father. Christ has atoned for sin in that His work wrought forgiveness and pardon for the sinner, making him at one with God.*

*by Bill Weeda, Minister
Arlington Christian Church
Arlington, California*

Choices From Eden

Permit me to introduce myself. I am Adam. Oh, I suppose that a lot of you thought that I lived a few dozen millennia ago in a spot called Eden. That may be so, but in reality I can't get rid of me by assigning me to some dim niche in the ancient past. You see I'm a persistent critic and I keep coming back again and again. The scene may be changed, but I come back all right! And if you are at all alert, you may discover that am uncomfortably close to you this very moment.

You see, the whole thing started a long, long time ago. Eve and I were living pretty well in Eden. In fact, we had it made" and didn't quite know it. In our blissful ignorance everything was going our way... until... until... that subtle serpent slipped in on our blind side. At first I thought the whole thing was simply interesting, but then complications set in. You see he had the audacity

to suggest that if we would just take a couple of nibbles on a certain fruit (the one God had specifically labeled "Hands Off") that our eyes would be opened, and we would be like God.

Now I ask you, who wants to go around with his eyes closed? And if you had a first-class chance to be like God, would you really pass it up? Why, look at some of your deacons and elders and ministers and mothers and fathers... yes, even some of your children. How often do they pass up a real good chance to "play God." There is a committee decision to make: "Let's discuss it, but my way is the right way." There is a problem before the family: We all have different opinions, but, "You'll do it this way because Father says so." There is a question of morals when two young people are out on a date. "Well, don't worry too much what is right, this is what I want to do." Who was it that said:

In moments controversial

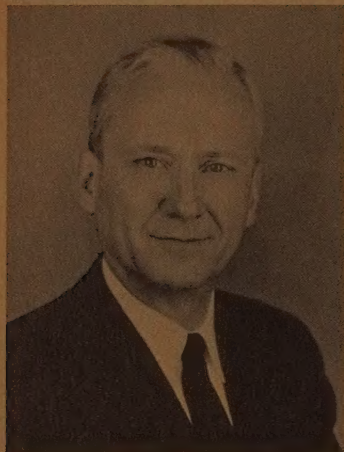
My perception is quite fine,
I always see both sides of things,
The side that's wrong, and mine.

I tell you, friends, the temptation to be like God is overwhelming. Remember those folks over around Babel (Gen. 11)? They got caught in the very same trap. They figured they could put together a whole pile of bricks and mortar and build themselves "... a tower with its top in the heavens, and... make a name for themselves." Say! With just a little imagination we could set that one down anywhere in our midst. "Let us make a name for ourselves." Maybe we can do it by building a nice new church, or by pushing our children into a prominent position, or by "out-spacing" the Russians. It has unlimited applications. Try it on where it fits - and hurts - the most. And watch out for the serpent. He's the trickiest fellow I ever ran up against.

Watchfully yours,
Adam

FAMILY ALBUM

NOTED DISCIPLE ASSEMBLY GUEST



Dr. Raymond F. McCallister, minister, Webster Groves Christian Church, Glendale, Missouri, will address the 73rd annual Assembly of Christian Churches each day at 11:45 a.m.

The Assembly itself will get underway Wednesday evening, June 21 at 7:15 p.m. McCallister will speak Thursday, Friday and Saturday noontimes on themes relating to the general convention theme, "In the Midst — God".

Dr. McCallister has just completed 22 years as the pastor of the Webster Groves Christian Church and is on the Board of Directors of the Board of Church Extension, William Woods College, and chairman of the Department of Administration of the Metropolitan Church Federation of Greater St. Louis.

He is the past minister of the "Protestant Hour" broadcast over KSD and KSD-TV.

Graduated from Eureka College and Eden Theological Seminary, Dr. McCallister is listed in "Who's Who in America" and "Who's Who in the Midwest". He is also a member of the Webster Groves Rotary Club and is a Scottish Rite Mason.

Sunday, June 25, Dr. McCallister will speak on the radio program "Spirit of Today" on KRLA (1110 on the dial) at 8:30 a.m.

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BOOK REVIEW

"COMMUNISM AND THE CHURCHES"

BY RALPH LORD ROY

ARLINGTON BREAKS GROUND

In early May the Arlington Christian Church broke ground on a fine four and one-half acre elevated site located approximately two miles from its present church home. Pastor Billy B. Weeda says that the first unit will include an ample area for worship and fellowship to accommodate 156 persons, as well as kitchen and office space. A separate wing will house five large classrooms. Construction expense is foreseen at about \$50,000.

The twenty-member building committee has received preliminary plans from architect Dale Vernon Bragg which call for the use of unique building materials. These include translucent white glass all around the twenty-two foot high main structure above the seven foot mark creating a subtle lighthouse effect atop the gently-rising hill. This will make the main worship and fellowship buildings the predominant focal point of the entire community.

The congregation is giving enthusiastic support to every phase of the building program. Services in the new unit are anticipated by the first of the new year.

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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN KANSAS CITY

The 1961 International Convention is scheduled in Kansas City, September 29 through October 4, 1961. Registration blanks and housing forms have come to the churches, preparatory to a large attendance of Disciples at what is sometimes called the "heart" of Disciplesdom. Dr. Perry E. Gresham is the president and Dr. W. A. Welch of the East Dallas Christian Church is the program chairman.

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WILL TERMINATE PASTORATE

After five years with the First Christian Church in San Bernardino, Gilford Olmsted resigned the pastorate to conclude his last service in San Bernardino on June 18. At the time this magazine went to press, he had not announced what his plans for the future were.

Willard Dorsey, who began the ministry of the First Christian Church in Arcadia when the new building was first erected in the 1950's, has presented his resignation to the church to become effective June 30.

Because of health problems, William Ayers presented his resignation to the Cajon Valley Christian Church, near San Diego, and concluded his work there on April 12.

SANCTUARY BUILDING PROGRA

East San Diego Christian Church led by Earl S. Christofferson, who last year went into a new educational building, has been engaged in a program to underwrite a new sanctuary building program and the unified budget. Five years earlier the Church voted to enter a complete replacement program of all buildings and facilities on the present location. This is being done without disrupting services. The building one new unit before another is dismantled. More than twice as much ground space has been acquired than was formerly held.

The proposed sanctuary will join the education unit and form a complete L-shaped building. The unit are of traditional architecture with ten foot square glass tower at the main entrance. Expected cost about \$125,000.

Since the church's decision to remain in its present location and rebuild, the entire East San Diego has entered a pronounced program of up-grading buildings and homes, and the congregation will begin its second half century of service with new buildings and facilities.

Dr. Joseph Fox has been conducting the stewardship survey, continuing with the church over an indefinite period so that he may work with each family without the pressures of deadlines. It has been rewarding to the church to conduct a complete stewardship program as an integrated part of the pastoral ministry. These important steps are being taken as Earl Christofferson serves his seventh year as the pastor of this congregation.

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When you Register for the Assembly, Subscribe or Renew VIEW POINT.

JUNE 30 IS JUDGMENT DAY

In a very real sense June 30 is judgment day for missions and for the mission of the Church. In an ever truer sense, however, the judgment is upon ourselves.

June 30 the books will be closed, the offerings tabulated, and the accomplishments recorded for the year.

The record is a reflection of our own sense of relative values. The stewardship of the members and of the congregation becomes evident in the proportion of incomes that have been shared with others in the name of Christ.

The record is not important in itself, but the accomplishments are. The important thing is whether we have been faithful to the Christ. He has commanded us to go into all the world. He has asked us to teach. Our hope is in the record of our report to Him.

LOCH LEVEN SUMMER SERVICE STAFF CHOSEN

Following an Easter Work Camp in which most of the youth participated, those who will work in the Loch Leven Summer Service program were chosen by a special committee appointed by the Youth Commission.

There was a total of over forty applicants, out of which were picked eight youth for each of two six-week sessions with six other youth serving as alternates.

Those chosen are:

First Session: Eileen Harney, Ontario First; Darlene Ivie, Bellflower First; Kathy Murphy, Rivera Christian Church in Pico-Rivera; Melanie Wagstaff, Pasadena Bethany; David Altis, Artesia First; Robert Kennard, Fontana First; Dick Robinson, Garden Grove First; Mike Stone, Lynwood First.

Second Session: Debbie Kieth, San Diego University; Patsy Mahaffey, Coachella Valley; Pat Roseberry, South Bay Christian in Redondo; Jo Anne Van Maner, San Diego Central; Louis Lingo, Westchester; Ed Oxenreider, Garden Grove First; John Montgomery, Riverside First; Michael Schultz, Bellflower First.

Alternates: Judy Snell, North Hollywood First; Judy Davis, Santa Ana Camille; Doreen Humbert, Alhambra First; Kathy Mortensen, Bell First; Steve Dighton, Orange First and Richard Boyer, Hemet First.

These youth will be engaged in maintaining the Conference grounds, preparation of meals and general clean-up, and other tasks as needed. They will be a part, as well, of a program of study and personal growth in the Christian faith, as led by Ralph McConnell. They come to this opportunity with a sense of mission, recognizing that over a thousand youth and adults will have greater possibility of Christian growth and experience through their efforts.

The committee responsible for the tedious task of selection was made up of Ralph McConnell, Manager, Loch Leven; Bill Terbeek, Area Office; and Hay Pritchett, Chairman, Area Youth Commission.

JOINT OCCUPANCY

The First Christian Church in Ventura has sold its building at Main and Laurel Streets to the Church of Christ. For a few months the congregation will meet at an earlier hour for their services of worship, with the Church of Christ having their service later in the day.

This step, awaited eagerly by the members of the congregation, enables them to proceed promptly with the erection of new buildings in the East part of Ventura. Ned Romine is the minister of the congregation.

SUN VALLEY SURGES AHEAD

W. Arthur Hixon, the minister of First Christian Church, Sun Valley, makes an interesting report of their experience with Kirby Smith Associates.

The church was strengthened by the pastoral calls made when with the Associates two fine Christian men served as assistant ministers for two weeks and two others for one week, having spent six weeks of concentrated visitation among the membership of the church. A very fine spirit prevailed throughout the whole period.

One hundred seventy-five calls were completed from which 125 commitments in the support of the Building Fund were secured for a total of \$37,152 to be paid over a period of 160 weeks. This was in addition to the pledges made to the annual operating budget of the church totaling \$15,907. Cost of the campaign was 8.3 per cent of the Building Fund total or 5.8 per cent of the total including the current budget.

Work is progressing on the parking lot at Sun Valley and a master plan for the total building program with specific plans for a social hall are being developed. These factors, plus conferences with the officers of the Board of Church Extension, point to the fact that Sun Valley will have real growth in the years ahead.

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SUMMER CONFERENCE

Over eleven hundred junior high and high school youth are expected to attend the Christian Church conference program this summer. There will be six Chi Rho and Niner conferences, six CYF conferences, two Chi Rho camps, and one camp for adults in training as camp counselors. Loch Leven, Idyllwild, and Bethany Pines will be used, with Loch Leven hosting a full twelve weeks of conference program.

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OBSERVATION PRACTICE SCHOOL AT ALHAMBRA

An Observation Practice School will be held at the First Christian Church of Alhambra on July 24-28. This school is sponsored by the San Gabriel District. The registration fee is \$6.50. All church school teachers or those interested in the teaching program of the church from any of the churches are invited to attend.

For more information, contact Don Lindblom, 395 Hamilton, Pasadena, (telephone - SYcamore 6-9529), who is chairman of the District Christian Education Committee.

SAN CLEMENTE GIFTS



Guests at Turner Memorial Home, Turner, Oregon, are shown as they open a box of gifts from San Clemente's First Christian Church deaconesses. Those in the picture are Lawrence A. Britton, one time minister at Corona, Mrs. Lula Cochran, Elizabeth Kellems, and Mrs. Britton.

The contents of the package were varied and useful, including boxes of bath soap, embroidered pillow cases and tea towels made by the San Clemente women.

J. D. Harden is the minister of the San Clemente congregation.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION CONFERENCE



The Reverend Dr. Robert W. Lazear, Jr. of Bogota, Colombia, is to be one of the keynote speakers at the Missionary Education Conferences to be held at Asilomar in Pacific Grove, California. Two conferences are scheduled: one beginning July 28 through August 2, and the second starting August 2 and continuing through August 7. The Dean of the conferences, the Reverend Mr. Ernest M. Fowler, announced today that Dr. Lazear would be speaking on the Foreign Theme which is "The Christian Mission to Latin American Countries". Dr. Lazear is well qualified for such a responsibility, having been a missionary to South America since 1944. He is at present Assistant Director and teacher of Bible and Philosophy in the Colegio Americano in Bogota, Colombia. He also served as chaplain of the school with over 700 students. He is widely acclaimed for his evangelistic program and has been especially interested in the ministry to the poor sections of the larger cities.

Dr. Lazear will present a series of five lectures at each of the two conferences dealing with "The Christian Mission Throughout Latin America". With Dr. Lazear on the faculty will be other top leaders in the home and foreign fields. Dr. Theodore E. Matson will be the speaker for the Home Theme which is "Churches for New Times". Dr. Matson, as Director of the Board of American Missions for the Augustana Lutheran Church and the Chairman of the Division of Home Missions of the National Council of Churches, is well qualified to speak on this theme having written the 1961 home mission study book entitled, "Edge of the Edge".

These speakers and other members of the faculty will provide an outstanding program for these two Missionary Education Conferences to be conducted during this summer of 1961.

1960 CONVENTION ELECTEE, BUSY

B. Frank Cron, pastor of the Central Christian Church of Glendale, was elected in February to be Vice Chairman of the Southern California Section of the Council on Alcohol Problems, formerly the California Temperance Federation.

He attended an all-day meeting in San Francisco on April 11th, at which time the executive of Northern and Southern California areas heard a challenging report from Rev. Wilbur Korfage of his important work with the legislature at Sacramento on important bills to control and direct the liquor industry, to make for safety on our highways.

Mr. Cron is currently serving as representative on the advisory committee to CAP, to which he was elected at the State Convention last summer.

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S.O.Y. PACK TRIP

Applications are being received for the S.O.Y. Pack trip, August 26—September 4 in the High Sierras. George Tolman, director, promises a week of exercise, inspiration, and relaxation for college youth who can qualify.

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COMING EVENTS

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| June 1 | CWF Orange Dist. Inst.
Camile, Santa Ana |
| 2 | CWF San Fern.-Kern Dist.
Inst., Wh. Chapel, Burbank |
| 5 | CWF Outgoing-Incoming
Exec. Officers |
| 7 | Urban Church |
| 8 | Research and Strategy |
| 8 | USC Tr. Session IV,
Metropolitan District |
| 12 | VIEW-POINT Comm. |
| 12 | USC Tr. Session IV,
San Gabriel District |
| 13 | USC Tr. Session IV,
San Fern.-Kern District |
| 14 | USC Tr. Session IV,
Harbor-Bay District |
| 14 | Evan. Dept. Meeting |
| 15 | USC Tr. Session IV,
Orange District |
| 17-24 | CYF Conf. - Loch Leven |
| 19 | USC Tr. Session IV,
San Diego District |
| 21-25 | AREA ASSEMBLY,
Chapman College |
| 25-
July 1 | CYF Comm. Conference,
Loch Leven |
| 26-30 | Lab School, Riverside
First |

ASSEMBLY TIME Radio and T.V.

June 18, Sunday

LIGHT OF FAITH—KNXT channel 2,
10:30 a.m.

Rev. Dwaine E. Cerbin, speaker.
Choraleer Choir, Hollywood-Beverly Christian Church.
Mrs. Lloyd Gysin, director.

June 25, Sunday

IN GOD WE TRUST—KTLA channel
5, 8:00 a.m.

Dr. Alfred T. DeGroot, panelist.
"Training for the Ministry".

GREAT CHURCHES OF THE GOLD-
EN WEST—KTTV channel 11,
11:00 a.m.

Westchester Christian Church.
Rev. Tom Gibbs, pastor.

PRESS AND THE CLERGY—KCOP
channel 13, 6:30 p.m.

Dr. and Mrs. Myron C. Cole,
panelists.
"Christian Missions and Colonialism".

SPIRIT OF TODAY—Radio KRLA,
(1110 AM), Pasadena, 8:30 a.m.
Dr. Raymond F. McCallister,
speaker.

July 9, Sunday

CHURCH OF THE AIR—Radio KNX,
(1070 AM) 8:05 a.m.

Dr. Virgil Sly, speaker.
Chancel Choir, First Christian
Church, Reseda.
Mr. Al Ferrara, director.

WORSHIP IN THE WEST—Radio
KFAC (92.3 FM and 1330 AM),
Los Angeles 9:00 a.m.

Speakers: Mrs. James Robeson,
Church School Supt.; Mr. Richard
Tunison, Dept. Stewardship, and
Rev. Robert L. Danner, First
Christian Church of Reseda.

Listen and watch for spot news and
interviews over many radio and tele-
vision news programs, including radio
station KEZY (1190 AM), Santa Ana.

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BELLFLOWER HOLDS CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE SERIES

The First Christian Church of
Bellflower held its annual series on
Christian Family Life on May 7, 14,
21 and 24.

Dr. Arthur A. Atwell, Assistant
Professor of Education at Los An-
geles State College and Director of
Guidance for Rosemead School Dis-
trict was the principal speaker. He
has specialized in the field of edu-
cational psychology and mental re-
tardation. The theme for the four
nights was "The Home and Family".

LIFORNIA CHRISTIAN HOME

The Reverend and Mrs. W. E. Spicer came to live at the Home on April 22nd. Of recent years they have made their home in Orange and belonged to the First Christian Church in that city. Mr. Furgeson expects Mr. Spicer to exert his valuable leadership at California Christian Home, in spite of the fact that he has passed his 90th birthday.

Friends of Mrs. Lula Harper will be saddened by the word of her passing on Tuesday, April 18th. For seventy years after she entered California Christian Home in 1950 she was leader of the group which gave programs in the churches. In 1956, she engaged in her favorite work, fell and fractured her hip. After several months she was able to be out again—but then she experienced a second fall after which she was never again able to walk. She died in her 94th year. Interment was at Forest Lawn, the Reverend Ira Schum officiating.

At this writing the work on the new building has progressed to the stage where some of the walls are under construction. It is hoped that visiting groups will soon be able to visualize the scope and layout of the structure which is to house the convalescent Center of forty-six beds. Both the Business and Professional Women, and the Ministers' Wives of our Southern California churches, plan to hold meetings here in the near future.

NEED SCISSOR SERVICE

Various newspapers in Southern California are carrying stories and articles concerning the 73rd Annual Assembly of Christian Churches. The Department of Public Relations would greatly appreciate receiving copies of the articles as they appear in local papers.

Please cut the entire news story out and include the date line and newspaper name. Send clippings to: Robert L. Danner, Dept. PR, 3126 Los Feliz Boulevard, Los Angeles 39, California.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF VIEW-POINT

The new area magazine, Christian VIEW-POINT, marks its first year of publication with this June issue. At the time of this writing, an all-time high of 3,016 subscriptions has been reached. This is an 1100 increase in the past year. The circulation goal for the coming year is 4,500.

VIEW-POINT is what YOU make it! Send in the news items from your church that should be shared with all of the churches in Southern California. Make helpful suggestions at any time. Christian VIEW-POINT looks forward to greater service to the churches and the subscribers in its second year.

GLENDALE DISCIPLE ELECTED MAYOR

Mr. Howard Peters, of the Central Christian Church of Glendale, recently re-elected to the City Council, has now become mayor of this, the third largest city of the county of Los Angeles. Mr. Peters has grown up in the Glendale Church, and has served as a deacon for several terms, and recently completed two terms as chairman of the Finance Committee and Church Treasurer.

He has served on the Long Range Planning Committee, and most recently as chairman of the Building Survey Committee, making plans for the new church educational building.

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ASSOCIATE MINISTER TO MONROVIA

Alton Davis has joined Rev. John O. Hedwall as an associate in the Monrovia church. Mr. and Mrs. Davis recently came to Monrovia where he is employed by the Standard Oil Company. He has his undergraduate degree from T.C.U. and is halfway through seminary work at Brite College. His plans call for completing seminary training as soon as possible. In the meantime, he will work part time with Mr. Hedwall.

President's Message

PRESENCE AT THE FURNACE DOOR

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If each church looks for God's guidance in this Assembly, and every delegate sincerely prays for God's spirit in his or her own participation in the Assembly, if when the Assembly Hall at Chapman College is silent or filled with other voices, the messages, concerns, prayers of the Seventy-third Assembly of Christian Churches reverberates again and again in every congregation, in every church member—the miracle will have happened. *Definite answers will be found to our problems without and within.* A spirit is available to fill the empty void within our hearts and is expressed without our churches. New voices and personalities are being touched, challenged, set free to work within the will of God—that we might answer the social needs of today even as our fathers brought forth answers in their day.

If, if, if! Nothing will happen unless we are present at Chapman College. Nothing will happen unless we believe it can happen, place our lives at God's command, face the blast furnace of today with the confidence and certainty that in the midst of all of this—God is working his will. **IN THE NAME OF GOD.**

DEACON'S DILEMMA

by Walt Stanchfield



"HOW AM I THIS MORNING? I'M SICK, I'VE BEEN SICK ALL MY LIFE AND I'LL PROBABLY BE SICK FOR THE REMAINDER OF MY LIFE... I HAVE A HEADACHE, A BACKACHE, I'M TIRED, DISGUSTED WITH EVERYTHING, GET NO SYMPATHY FROM ANYONE AND I THINK I'LL SCREAM IF REV. SHALLBE MENTIONED WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY THIS IS..."

HILLSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH CHARTERED



The Hillside Christian Church was chartered on Sunday, April 9. The picture above shows Mr. T. D. Lambert signing the Charter Roll under the watchful eye of Margaret Ellis, church clerk. During the chartering service there were greetings from many Christian Churches of Southern California, civic officials, Brotherhood representatives, and Council of Churches executives. The church received its Scroll for Charter Membership, its Certificate of Brotherhood Recognition, and the well wishes and blessings of the entire Brotherhood of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ). The charter membership was closed with 52 persons in the membership. Rev. David Covey, student working on his Ph.D. degree at Claremont School of Theology, has been the organizing minister with the church, working under the direction of the New Church Advance Department of the Christian Churches of Southern California.

This is the newest of the churches started. The congregation is now six months old. Property for this church was given by the First Christian Church in San Bernardino.

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GLENDORA VOTES TO REMODEL

After having made a decision to purchase land next to the church as it becomes available, First Christian in Glendora has decided to remodel the present building. In their weekly church paper they include six major steps in the remodeling: structural corrections, building remodeling, a new kitchen, ramps to the basement and the main floor, exterior repairs, and furnishings. Rev. Harry E. Nissen notes that the building Improvement Committee is determining the priority of each of these steps.

COUNSELING SERVICE AT WHITTIER

The Counseling Center of the First Christian Church of Whittier seems to have demonstrated the necessity for such provision by a local church. Since its beginning on September 1, 1960, the Counseling Center has grown in its service to the local church and to the wider community.

Although statistics do not tell the most important part of any of the church's services they are a helpful indication of the service the Counseling Center gives. During the first six months of its existence (Sept. through Feb.) the Center has provided service for eighty-three persons in a total of one hundred and thirty-five group counseling hours and three hundred and eighty-five individual counseling hours. Of the eighty-three persons served, thirty-five were from the First Christian Church, thirteen were from other Christian Churches of Southern California, twenty-one were from the community of Whittier, and fourteen were from communities outside of Whittier.

Counselees have contributed \$2,574.00 to the local church to help cover the cost of the Center. For church members who come for counseling, this contribution is over and above their regular church pledge. In addition, the Center has provided approximately 110 hours of free counseling service to persons who, because of their financial situation, could not afford the cost of counseling.

Persons coming for counseling are asked to make a specific donation to the church not only for the practical purpose of financing the Center, but also because counseling must involve some financial sacrifice in order to give maximum benefit to the counselee. Other church-related counseling centers have reported very poor results with counselees who, if they are able, do not pay for their counseling.

Dr. Dallas Gladson says that the ministers of First Christian Church feel the presence of the Counseling Center within the structure of the church witnesses, on the one hand, to the church's concern for the emotional health of the person, and on the other hand to the church's challenge to man to commit himself "in sickness or in health" to God's purposes in the world.

Ministers of other Christian Churches of Southern California are invited to use the Counseling Center as a referral resource. Appointments may be made by calling the Minister of Counseling of the First Christian Church of Whittier, Rev. Jim Laugh-run, at OX 8-0556.

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BALDWIN PARK HONORED THE SCHOTTELKORBS

As Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schottelkorb closed their work with the First Christian Church in Baldwin Park, a reception in the Church Social Hall honored them for their service to the ministry across the years and especially for the 12 years they had served Baldwin Park, beginning in September, 1948.

Arranged by the Christian Women's Fellowship, the attractive reception room found over 200 persons rejoicing when Mr. Schottelkorb was presented with a retirement pin. He and his wife received many lovely gifts for their new home in Yucaipa as well as a love gift from the congregation.

The reception marked the climate to an active ministry which began December, 1926, Graduating from Butler University, Mr. Schottelkorb had held pastorates in LaFontaine, Zionsville, Cambridge City, Milton and Hobart, Indiana, prior to coming to California.

Their address in Yucaipa is 1247 Custer.

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CALLED TO NEW POSITIONS

Four Southern California congregations recently have called new leadership to their ministries.

Stanley Hunt, formerly of Altoona, Iowa, was called to the leadership of the First Christian Church in Bakersfield where he was scheduled to begin on June 1.

The Van Nuys Central Christian Church, after extensive examination of a variation from the conventional ministry of a senior minister and an associate, will have a team-ministry after June 1. Two young men who work together well, are similar in age, background and education will serve as co-ministers. One of them is William Carpenter who has been the education director at First Christian Church in Pomona while completing his Master of Theology degree work at the Southern California School of Theology in Claremont. The other is James Pierson, also completing his work at S.C.S.T., who has been the youth minister at Temple City.

Burbank First Christian Church looks forward to the coming on July 1 of Dwaine Cerbin to become the minister. Mr. Cerbin concludes with the South Bay Christian Church, Redondo Beach in mid-June, to begin in Burbank July 1.

Cameron Meacham, who has served in recent years as the associate minister at Hollywood-Beverly Christian Church, has been called to become the minister of the Highland Park Christian Church, beginning June 15.

FELLOWSHIP DAY

Saturday, June 24, has been designated as "fellowship day" at the Assembly, Chapman College, Orange. Starting with a worship period at 100 a.m., the Assembly will hear Alfred T. DeGroot speak on "The Call of the Church."

Dr. Earl Cranston, retired dean of Southern California School of Theology at Claremont, will chair an evening discussion of Dr. DeGroot's address followed by the inspirational message of Dr. Raymond F. McCallister.

Saturday afternoon there will be a business session and small group meetings to discuss crucial issues arising out of the Assembly.

Dr. Virgil Sly will address the Assembly at the evening session which begins at 7:15 p.m. He will speak on the subject, "The Emerging Unity of the Church."

All men, women and youth are urged to be in attendance on Saturday.

"EXPLORATIONS IN DEPTH"

One of the features of the Area Assembly will be the afternoon discussion groups dealing with crucial issues facing the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

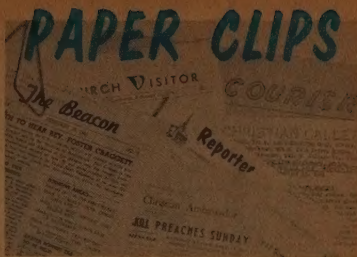
Topics for these groups will include: Church membership—how do we define it? Is the local church obsolete as a tool in God's hand to bring in the Kingdom? Are the Disciples hearing from God? How is Communism threatening us, and what are we doing about it? Do Disciples need to re-think their concept of "authority"? Do the Disciples have actual plans for unity? How do we fit into current efforts on mergers? Why are we 27th in stewardship?

If this is to be a Decade of Decision, and if we want to become a part of the Church universal, there is need for considerable agreement on these and other subjects. This is the purpose of "Explorations in Depth" at the Area Assembly.

Each person attending will have opportunity to discuss the above questions on Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoon of the Assembly. These discussion groups of twenty to thirty persons each will gather about the Chapman campus.

Rev. Austin Coe, chairman of the afternoon sessions, has asked each local church to assign their delegates to these different groups.

Although each delegate will receive a ticket admitting him to a given group, all Assembly-goers are urged to select one of the topics and attend all three days. Tickets will be available at the registration booth on the Chapman campus.



VISTA—Dr. James Z. Nettinga, chairman of the Awards Committee for Religion in Life, has named Vista, California the "Community of the Year" for 1960. The Committee for Religion in Life is a non-sectarian organization devoted to increasing worship attendance at all churches and synagogues.

CANOCA PARK—Miss Ernestine Sherer Rossiter became the bride of Rev. Lawrence Elton White on Sunday, May 6, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Bacon in Santa Barbara. That evening, at 8:00, the "Marriage Blessing" was given at the Chapel in Canyon in Canoga Park, where Mr. White is the minister.

Mr. and Mrs. White are spending their honeymoon in the Holy Land and in Europe and while away, their new home is to be completed on the present premises of the Chapel in the Canyon.

NORTH HOLLYWOOD—Bob Baldwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Baldwin of the First Christian Church was chosen Eagle Scout of the month for March in the Devonshire district.

LA VERNE—When Lorena Wolfe left the community, the Ramona Avenue Christian Church gave her a surprise come-and-go party. She had served the church capably in many ways, especially by working with children of many of the parents in the congregation.

LOS ANGELES—Glenn Hascall, minister of the Gateway Christian Church, invites each week one of the church families to write a prayer which will appear in the weekly church publication, Gateway Chimes.

EL CAJON—Two classes are conducted each Sunday morning for new members at the First Christian Church of El Cajon. One class, led by the minister, Harold Christmann, is for adult new members of the other class, led by Mrs. Helen Shadinger is for youth new members. This is a continuing program for integration of new members sponsored by the membership committee.

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HEIFER PROJECT REPORTS

Over 4,000 heifers have been shipped in the past twelve years to refugee farmers in West Germany. The Federal Republic of Germany paid the German rights from August, 1956 through 1960. A total of 315 "cowboys" worked on shipments aboard the United States Lines.

Thanks for these heifers is expressed by a German mother who wrote, "I wish Concordia could speak. I could tell me about the people I sent her. It must take a lot of time to give away a cow."



AGENCY ORIENTATION—Shown, left to right, Dr. H. L. Smith, president of the Board of Higher Education of Disciples of Christ, Robert Reid and Jerry Leggit, students at Southern California School of Theology, during the annual Middlers Conference here. Reid and Leggit are among 100 students from eight graduate seminaries of the Christian Churches who attended the three-day orientation.

CHIMES AT NORTH LONG BEACH

The people in the neighborhood of the North Long Beach Christian Church, 1115 E. Market Street, are now enjoying pre-worship music from the tower of their church.

It all started when the choir voted to improve the size of the organ three and one-half times by installing a Baldwin speaker, an M-2 tone cabinet, and by making adjustments to the organ. These improvements were paid for by special projects and donations.

A donation of \$1,000 for new chimes in the sanctuary was given by Mrs. Nora Tight, in memory of her husband, Ray Anson Tight. The enthusiasm spread and the project had money left over. With donations, the offering from the Easter cantata, and lots of cooperation, the Hi-Fi and speakers were installed for the whole neighborhood to enjoy by Easter Sunday morning.

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UNIVERSITY CHURCH, SAN DIEGO, CONDUCTS FAMILY LIFE WORKSHOP

Four Sunday evenings in February and March were devoted to a Family Life Workshop by members of the University Church, San Diego. The sessions for the workshop were planned under the direction of Miss Mary Gillett, associate Christian Education Director of the church.

The series began with an opening address by Dr. Irving Tebor of San Diego State College. Dr. Tebor's presentation, "A Perspective on Today's Family", provided a beginning point for group discussions regarding the status of today's family and roles and relationships of individual members within the family group.

Such guiding questions as: How important is my family to me? What is my role in my family? How do I understand the roles of others in my family? What are my relationships to others in my family? How do I personally help to strengthen our family spiritually? were considered by the discussion groups.

Dr. Carroll Cannon, Dean of Arts and Sciences at California Western University and a member of the church, summarized in the final session the need to be more aware of human personality, acceptance of the role of learner of every family member to foster growth, the relation of religion to the whole life, and an awareness of the family and its strengths for each member.

Possible future planning in the area of family life education in the church, based on evaluation made, include parenthood preparation training, a community day nursery, a counseling center, parent education groups, and mental health.



Registration Goal for Decade

Emery E. Owens, Registrar, reports that enrollment is the largest in the history of Chapman College. A total of 808 students were enrolled in the day and evening sessions the first semester of the current school year. Since many of the evening students do not take a full course, there was a full-time equivalent of 613 students. Our Decade of Decision goal is for 1,000 full-time students.

Summer Sessions Announced

There will be three Summer School sessions this year, offering both graduate and undergraduate courses. The dates are June 5-23; June 26-August 4; and August 7-25. Those interested in a Summer School catalogue should address their request to: The Director of Summer School, Chapman College, Orange, California.

Chapel Choir in Concert

The Chapel Choir, under the direction of S. Sheldon Disrud, made its first off-campus appearances on April 6, 7, and 8 in concerts at the First Christian Church of San Bernardino and Brawley, and the Central Christian Church of San Diego. This choir of 25 voices regularly provides music at Thursday morning chapel services, and also participates in several public concerts presented on campus.

"Reality in 1962"

One of the interesting posters seen on the campus shows a drawing of the new library and reads "Reality in 1962". The posters were made by the students in their campaign to have 100 per cent participation of the student body in the library fund.

Seventy-four of the Christian Churches in California, Arizona, and Nevada have so far contributed to the library fund. Ground-breaking is set for November 1, 1961.

J. B. Robertson Resigns

J. B. Robertson, who has served on the administrative staff of Chapman College for the past five years, has resigned effective May 1. On that date he will become associated with Jim McHenry of the Social Realty Co. of Santa Ana. The Robertsons will continue to reside in Orange and Mrs. Robertson will continue teaching school. Mr. Robertson will be available for pulpit supply.

BUILDING MOVES STEADILY

EL MONTE—Hundreds of man hours of volunteer labor are speeding the construction of the functional modern, two-story education-fellowship hall building of the First Christian Church. The \$56,000 building will feature a dining area capable of serving 350 persons, an all-electric kitchen, 16 classrooms, restroom and a mechanical room.

The work moves along steadily in spite of the resignation shortly after Easter of Dr. Arthur F. Morrill who had served as interim minister. James McCallum is serving in this position of leadership now.

The men of the church have been working evenings as well as Saturdays, and the women of the church have prepared hearty ranch-style meals every Saturday noon.

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COUNSELOR NAMED IN CHURCH-WIDE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Miss Fannie M. Bennett of Indianapolis has been assigned as the national counselor in Church-Wide Leadership Development for Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ). She is the first person to be employed in this new staff position.

Major responsibility of the national counselor is to give assistance, as requested, to states in developing their programs and services of church-wide leadership development. Miss Bennett works under the direction and assignment of Dr. Richard E. Lent, executive director of Church-Wide Leadership Development.

The national counselor's services may be given at local congregational, district or state levels, as may see best to the responsible staff. These services should, however, be part of a state program and strategy of church-wide leadership development.

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MOTHER OF THE YEAR

WASHINGTON, D.C.—This City "Mother of the Year" is Mrs. Warren J. Hastings. She was selected by the American Mothers Committee for outstanding activity in the wide field of religious, welfare and education work.

Mrs. Hastings now living in Indianapolis, serves as the national director of field services for Unification Promotion of the Christian Churches.

Chemical Research at Chapman

Under a grant of The National Science Foundation, twenty-one outstanding high school seniors will spend nine weeks this Summer doing chemical research at Chapman College. Dr. Peter Coad, who will head the project, reports that over 200 applications have been received.

Our New "Window on the West Coast"
is located at 3114 Los Feliz Boulevard
in Los Angeles

THE NEWEST BETHANY BOOKSTORE

The Christian Board of Publication is proud of the reception given the newest, most modern bookstore in the Los Angeles area where you will find a complete selection of the finest religious books and supplies.

Manager Al Bunney invites you to drop in and browse around this beautiful new religious supply store and look over the largest selection of Bibles in the Los Angeles area—the King James . . . Revised Standard Edition. . . the New English Bible New Testament. You'll also want to see the hundreds of gift items for graduations, weddings, birthdays and other special occasions. There is a special department fitted out with all the newest, most appropriate greeting cards and gift wrappings.

The Bethany Bookstore is now open 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays,
and 9:30 until noon Saturdays.

OUT ON A LIMB

It's tough to be short. . .

To live in a squaretype place like Jericho
Where everybody knows you
And has watched you grow up
To see them glancing at you out of
The corner of their collective eyes
Snickering at you because you're different
Because you never quite grew up —

And then you show them. . .
You pull the dirty trick
Of all dirty tricks
And become a tax-collector—
The Romanesque version
Of that modern day nasty-type man
From the bureau of infernal residue

And then they don't laugh much anymore
In fact, they don't laugh at all
Because suddenly they're paying your way.
Granted, you don't have many friends
But you didn't before
And besides — you're rich
And some kinds of happiness can be bought.

But you're still short. . .
And in the crowds you feel a smallness
Like a child in a knee-filled world of adults
Or a youth who hears voices always coming down
Or a man on the bed being visited by friends
Tiptoeing, stretching, trying to look out
But never quite seeing, never quite knowing
What's going on.

And then that day. . .
When *He* comes to town—
That strange, wonderful teacher
From the unlikely nothingness called Nazareth.
Now the mob is out in force
To catch a glimpse, to touch the garment
To simply hear a word

But you try not to care. . .
What can a *carpenter* offer you?
Still—excited voices urge you on
Milling people move you closer, ever closer
To the street on which *He* walks
'Til you stand at last so very close
And yet so very far 'cause still
you're short—far too short to 'see.

Others might have given up
But you. . . you climb a tree
And crawl with eager clinging grasp
Way out upon your limb of sycamore
'Til you can see with all of shocking clarity
The face of him who says serenely
"Zaccheas, come down—I eat with you tonight!"

And thus the way I feel.
Flushed with youth and filled with life
I face with ever growing fear
A world that wants me grow too tall
That asks of me to be too much
And then regrets with callous puzzlement
The useless thing it's forced me to become

'Til crying out for unfrustration
I climb some tree called *hope*
And ride a limb called *different*
And maybe saw it off behind
Or have it break beneath me
Or maybe just because I tried—
I meet *Him* face to face

And then I am the same no more. . .

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	9:30 p.m.	Benediction
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		Address by Dr. Sly (Friday)
		Open Discussion—Dr. Cranston
	11:45 a.m.	Inspirational Message—Dr. McCal- lister (each day)
	12:15 a.m.	Benediction
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	4:45 p.m.	Dismissal
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	8:45 p.m.	Benediction
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